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PCT**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT**

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 489-S03P1127	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC G06F 7/00, 1/04		
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2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

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These annexes consist of a total of _____ sheets.
3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:
 - I Basis of the report
 - II Priority
 - III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
 - IV Lack of unity of invention
 - V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
 - VI Certain documents cited
 - VII Certain defects in the international application
 - VIII Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

 the international application as originally filed the description:

pages _____, as originally filed

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 the claims:

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 the drawings:

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 the sequence listing part of the description:

pages _____, as originally filed

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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

 contained in the international application in written form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages _____ the claims, Nos. _____ the drawings, sheets/fig _____5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

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** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	5-8	YES
	Claims	1-4	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-8	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-8	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: JP, 8-147163, A (Toshiba Corp.), 7 June, 1996 (07.06.96)

The subject matter of claim 1 does not appear to be novel in view of document 1. Document 1 (paragraph 0042) describes that a controller bypasses a pipeline in response to the frequency of an operation clock. Furthermore, document 1 (paragraph 0046) describes that when a pipeline is bypassed, the register in the pipeline does not act for holding. So, it is considered that when a pipeline is not bypassed, the data held by the register is sent to the subsequent data processor as a matter of course.

The subject matter of claim 2 does not appear to be novel in view of document 1. Document 1 (Fig. 1) describes that plural holding means and plural bypass means are provided and connected in cascade.

The subject matter of claim 3 does not appear to be novel in view of document 1. Document 1 (paragraph 0042) describes that a controller sets a register enable signal for a register and a multiplexer into an active state or inactive state, for setting whether or not a pipeline should be bypassed.

The subject matter of claim 4 does not appear to be novel in view of document 1. Document 1 (paragraph 0046) describes that when a pipeline is bypassed, the register in the pipeline stops flip-flop action and does not act for holding.

The subject matter of claim 5 does not appear to involve an inventive step in view of document 1. Document 1 (paragraph 0021) describes that a controller controls the actions of a register and a multiplexer in response to the frequency of an operation clock. Furthermore, it would have been easy for a person skilled in the art that the controller produces frequency information in response to the frequency of the said operation clock.

The subject matter of claim 6 does not appear to involve an inventive step in view of document 1. Document 1 (paragraph 0021) describes that a controller controls the actions of a register and a multiplexer in response to the frequency of an operation clock. Furthermore, it would have been easy for a person skilled in the art that the controller receives frequency information from outside, for acquiring the frequency of the operation clock.

The subject matter of claim 7 does not appear to involve an inventive step in view of document 1. Document 1 (paragraph 0042) describes that when a processor is in a low clock mode for saving power consumption, a controller generates an instruction signal for bypassing a pipeline. Furthermore, it would have been easy for a person skilled in the art that a controller judges whether the frequency of the clock is high or low, to instruct whether or not the pipeline should be bypassed.

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The subject matter of claim 8 does not appear to involve an inventive step in view of document 1. Document 1 (paragraph 0042) describes that when a processor is in a low clock mode for saving power consumption, a controller generates an instruction signal for bypassing a pipeline. Furthermore, it would have been easy for a person skilled in the art that a controller judges whether the frequency of the clock is high or low, to instruct whether or not the pipeline should be bypassed.

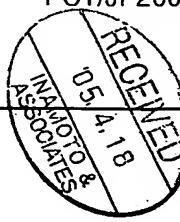
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1. Transmittal of the translation to the applicant.

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